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To VIKTOR. [i]

Vitorio SALA, in future "JOTA[KhOTA]", a Catalan FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN[ZEMLYAK][ii], is here. In BARCELONA JOTA was [1 group unrecovered] at the disposal of our office by the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN and successfully carried out important work, controlling an apparatus and an agent network which he had set up in the POLECATS'[KhOR'KI][iii] organisation. Moreover he set up also an external surveillance group. J.'s[Kh.] work was so important that liaison with him was maintained by "SWEDE[SHVED]"[iv] himself and not by TOM[v], [D% although] [2 groups unrecovered]. Please look into the question of bringing J. into our work here on the POLECATS and of setting up a group for tracing people [GRUPPA USTANOVKI] and for external surveillance, for which there is a great need.

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YuRIJ[vi]

Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
[ii] FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN: Communist.
[iii] POLECATS : Trotskyites.
[iv] SWEDE : Unidentified cover-name.
[v] TOM : "
[vi] YuRIJ : Lev A. TARASOV, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in MEXICO CITY.

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